

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 3rd August 2014**

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## **IRTS ECHO Ireland**

The next edition of Echo Ireland is due for publication in September. Submissions and articles for publication are most welcome and the closing date is Friday August 15th. Please send to newsteam /at/ irts.ie

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## **IRTS 2m Contest 2014**

The IRTS 2m contest this year takes place on Sunday August 24th and the closing date for the submission of completed logs is September 7th. Full details are available on [www.irts.ie/contests](http://www.irts.ie/contests)

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## **North Cork Radio Group**

North Cork Radio Group would like to remind listeners that our 5th Anniversary rally will be held on Sunday, 7th September 2014 at the Commons Inn, Blackpool, Cork and doors will open at 11am. Entry fee is €5 and children will be free as usual.

There are some really nice spot prizes in the raffle and tickets will be on sale at the door for €5 per strip. Tables are already in high demand with places secured by a number of traders, some new to the Cork rally.

Anyone wishing to book a table should do so as soon as possible to avoid disappointment as space is limited, please contact Lisa EI9GSB on 086 8427756 or ei9gsb /at/ me.com. There will also be a Bring and Buy table available on the day for anyone wishing to sell a few items.

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## **Islands On The Air**

The annual IOTA contest took place last weekend. Band conditions at the start of the contest on Saturday were poor, with almost no propagation on 10 metres (apart from some very sporadic E), so 15 metres and 20 metres carried much of the traffic during daylight hours on Saturday. Fortunately, propagation improved early on Sunday, so some good scores perhaps can be expected.

Along with plenty of mainland Irish stations, we heard stations in four Irish offshore islands participating in the contest. The Papa Lima DX-Group, which included Irish, Polish and French operators, was on Great Blasket Island and very much in demand, while members of the Shannon Basin Radio club and Galway Radio club were on Inisbofin. Two County Cork islands were on the air for the contest, Ger EI5KF was on Bere Island and the Cork Radio Club operated from above the North Harbour of Cape Clear.

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### **EJ5BPL Lighthouse Activation on Sherkin Island, Co.**

Cork

Barrack Point Lighthouse on Sherkin Island opposite Baltimore, Co. Cork will be activated during August as part of ILLW and ARLHS lighthouse events. Using special event call sign EJ5BPL, operators EI2KA, EI4JN and possibly others will operate from a tent next to the small lighthouse which, along with the Baltimore Beacon on the mainland opposite, marks safe entry into Baltimore Harbour from the North Atlantic. Weather permitting, activations will be every weekend and some other days during August and will include the ARLHS contest on 2-3 August, National Lighthouse Day (USA) on 7 August, and the ILLW weekend on 16-17 August. Barrack Point Lighthouse has been designated IE0014 by ILLW and IRE036 by ARLHS. An attractive QSL card will be sent to all stations worked.

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### **South Dublin Radio Club**

South Dublin Radio club is on it's annual break and weekly meetings will return on Tuesday 19th of August.

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### **Grey Point Fort Amateur Radio**

Grey Point Fort Amateur Radio Society / Northern Ireland Environment Agency / Irish Arms have created a full weekend of event for the long weekend from Friday 1st August to Monday 4th August 2014, the highlight of the long weekend is the firing of a Vickers Sons & Maxim 6 inch Breech Loading Coastal gun at approx 12:30 midday on Monday 4th August 2014. The gun is dated 1897, 117 years old and has not fired since 1939, the gun has been restored by members of Grey Point Fort Amateur Radio Society over the past three years. In addition to the firing of the gun there will be activities over the weekend including military vehicles and a visit by the current DOE Minister and his dignitaries on Monday to take part in the firing of the gun.

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## **EI9E/P Depedition**

The annual EI9E/P dxpedition to rare squares will this year activate IO41 during the Perseids meteor shower.

The meteor scatter activity from IO41TU at Kilkeaveragh in Co. Kerry will be on 6m, 4m and 2m using primarily JT6M and FSK but also with SSB if tropo conditions warrant it.

This year the group will also take 23cm equipment to try moonbounce (EME) contacts as the degradation for EME signals is very low during this week.

The group will be available via the ON4KST chat site for coordinating skeds on VHF and on the HB9Q logger for microwave contacts including moonbounce.

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## **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

Today, Sunday August 3rd the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will be QRV as EI2WRC/P from the Inistioge Vintage Rally which takes place in Inistioge, Co. Kilkenny.

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## **DX News**

Adhi YB3MM will be active from Timor Leste (East Timor) as 4W/NB3MM until 5 August. Operation will be mainly SSB on 12 – 30m with some CW and PSK31. QSL Manager is IZ8CCW.

Michel F5OZF and Solange F5RXL will operate as TK500 (Tango Kilo fifty Oscar) from the island of Corsica until 15 August. QSLs go via F5RXL and logs will also be uploaded to Logbook of The World.

Members of the Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society will take part in an expedition to Masirah Island from 7 – 11 August. The callsign will be A43MI and the IOTA reference is AS-014. QSLs should go via A47RS.

A special callsign, CF3NAVY, will be on the air for the month of August to celebrate 100 years of the submarine service of the Royal Canadian Navy. QSL Manager is VE3RCN.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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